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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/49/728/Add.10)]

49/96. United Nations conference on South-South cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the validity of the objectives and commitments with regard to international economic cooperation and development adopted by the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies, especially the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 2/ the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 3/ the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 4/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 5/ the Cartagena Commitment,

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

2/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

3/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

4/ Resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

5/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

6/ the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 7/ and Agenda 21, 8/ and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 9/ which provide an overall framework for furthering international economic cooperation for development,

Taking note of the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77, 10/ adopted on the occasion of the eighteenth annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held in New York on 30 September 1994, in which the Ministers called upon the United Nations to consider convening an international conference on South-South cooperation in 1996,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ as well as its resolution 48/172 of 21 December 1993 on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries,

Recalling its resolutions 47/181 of 22 December 1992 and 48/166 of 21 December 1993 on an agenda for development, as well as its resolution 48/165 of 21 December 1993 on the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership,

Recalling also its resolution 46/205 of 20 December 1991 on the convening of an international conference on the financing of development, as well as its resolution 47/152 of 18 December 1992 on international cooperation for economic growth and development,

Recalling further its resolution 46/155 of 19 December 1991 on the report entitled The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission 11/ and resolution 48/164 of 21 December 1993 on the follow-up to that report,

Taking note of the Tokyo Declaration adopted at the International Conference on African Development held at Tokyo in 1993, which emphasizes the

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6/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Eighth Session, Report and Annexes (TD/364/Rev.1) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.II.D.5), part one, sect. A.

7/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex I.

8/ Ibid., annex II.

9/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1, chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

10/ A/49/462 and Corr.1, annex.

11/ New York, Oxford University Press, 1990. For an overview and summary of the report of the South Commission, see A/45/810 and Corr.1, annex.

importance of strengthening cooperative links among developing countries for sharing their experience and know-how, and welcoming the convening of an Asia-Africa Forum in Indonesia from 12 to 16 December 1994,

Reaffirming the importance of strengthening international cooperation, especially that between developed and developing countries, as well as other international directions of such cooperation,

Conscious of the need for enhanced collaboration between developing countries themselves in the fields of economic, technical and South-South cooperation,

Conscious that increased international support to activities in economic and technical cooperation among developing countries will contribute significantly to the strengthening of international cooperation for a global partnership between all countries, particularly between developing and developed countries,

Welcoming the increased role undertaken by the United Nations system to support activities in economic and technical cooperation among developing countries, and stressing the importance of continuing to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations to foster international cooperation in order to address fully the wide range of issues pertaining to development and the growth of developing countries,

Noting the ongoing work of the Secretary-General in the preparation of a report, pursuant to resolution 48/164, on the state of South-South cooperation,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, pursuant to the provisions of resolution 48/164, to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a comprehensive report containing an overview and analysis of South-South cooperation world wide, to be entitled "Scate of South-South cooperation" and also containing recommendations to strengthen such cooperation, keeping in view the proposal to convene a United Nations conference on South-South cooperation;

2. Requests the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, at its ninth session from 30 May to 3 June 1995, to include in its agenda an item entitled "New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries";

3. Decides to convene, in consultation with Member States, an intergovernmental meeting of experts in New York in 1995, within existing resources or utilizing extrabudgetary resources, to recommend, taking into account the outcomes of the meetings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries and the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and with a view to expanding South-South cooperation on a global scale, practical modalities and substantive issues to be taken into account by the Secretary-General in undertaking the above-mentioned report.

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